

Fermilab Central Web Hosting

MediaWiki SaaS

Getting Started

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1. Getting Started

Congratulations on your new MediaWiki SaaS website. Let us get you up and running as quickly as possible!

The purpose of this Getting Started guide is to get you quickly logged into your website and show you the most basic things you need to get up and running. It will point you to where all the detailed documentation is located so you can very easily find it again in the future. We will only lightly touch on the most relevant topics to get you up and running.

1.1. Accessing Your Website

Everything dealing with your website is done through your web browser.

To access your website from a browser, enter the following URL:

- <http://YOUR-WEBSITE.fnal.gov>

To access the Admin pages of your website from a browser, enter the following URL:

- <https://YOUR-WEBSITE.fnal.gov/wiki/Special:SpecialPages>

Please Note: This **must** be done from the Fermilab network or over the VPN. You will not be able to log into your website from outside of the Fermilab network. This is a security feature that cannot be overridden.

You will be asked for your credentials to access the website; use your SERVICES credentials.

1.2. Short URL's

Users cannot use the unqualified-domain shortcut to access your website; `http://abc/` vs <http://abc.fnal.gov/>. It must be fully qualified and use the complete domain name.

2. Users & Groups

The installation of MediaWiki provided by the SaaS has been configured specifically for the Fermilab environment.

By default, your wiki will only allow access to users that you specify through the MediaWiki User Role Management tool. The tool is located at <http://tools.fnal.gov/wiki-user-role-management/>.

If desired, there are different modes of access control that can be configured for your site:

Wiki Read Modes

- Anonymous - Anyone can view articles and article history.
- SSO - Users must be logged in through SSO to view articles.
- ACL (default) - Users must be on the access list to view articles.**

Wiki Edit Modes

- SSO - Users must be logged in through SSO to edit.
- ACL (default) - Users must be on the access list to edit.**

Please note that anonymous editing is never allowed.

To change the mode of access control, please create a Service Desk ticket to Web Services Administration.

Please note that the user registration form has been disabled. All authentication is done via Single Sign On. When a user first logs into a wiki, an account is automatically created.

3. Skins and Extensions

Because access to the underlying file system is not allowed, Skins and Extensions must be installed by WSA. To request installation on your site, please create a Service Desk ticket to Web Services Administration. Note that skins and extensions will be reviewed according to the Governance for MediaWiki Skins and Extensions (CS-doc-6514).

A list of already approved and rejected extensions is available at <https://wiki.fnal.gov/wiki/Extensions>.

4. Documentation

The official MediaWiki documentation is located at: <https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Documentation>

Please note, we **do not** provide any specific documentation on how to use the MediaWiki software itself, we only provide you links to their documentation as the Wikimedia Foundation does a much better job of it.

This documentation is updated on a regular basis. If you discover any issues with the documentation, please let us know so we can correct the problem.